



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

## A Sovereign Tribal Nation

### **(Approving Burial Assistance of \$3,000.00 for Former Councilman and Tribal Court Judge Kay Lewis and Declaring “A Day of Remembrance” to Honor his Service to the Tribe)**

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**WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Reservation”) provides, at Article IV, Section 1 that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power “To represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe...”; and

**WHEREAS,** The Council has been advised that former White Mountain Apache District I Councilman and Tribal Court Judge, Kay Lewis, passed away and that funeral arrangements are pending; and

**WHEREAS,** In recognition of the former District I Councilman’s and Tribal Court Judge’s service and dedication to the Tribe, and his love for and contributions to the jurisprudence of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, the Council requests the Chairman to issue a Proclamation for “A Day of Remembrance” and authorizes that all flags on the Reservation be lowered to half-staff from sunrise to sunset on that date; and

**WHEREAS,** To honor the memory of the former District I Councilman’s service to the Tribe, including the love and fair application of the law with the utmost integrity when carrying out his duties as the Tribal Court Judge, the Council wishes to present his family with the American and Tribal flags; and

**WHEREAS,** All Tribal Leaders shall continue to be honored at their passing with a presentation of the American and Tribal Flags; and

**WHEREAS,** The Council extends its sincere sympathy to the Lewis families and finds it appropriate and in the best interest to provide burial and funeral assistance on behalf of the Lewis families at this difficult time.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Tribal Treasurer to pay for certain expenses, in the amount of \$3,000.00, for the former District I Councilman and Tribal Court Judge Kay Lewis.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests the Chairman to issue a Proclamation for “A Day of Remembrance” to honor former District I Councilman and Tribal Court Judge Kay Lewis’s service and dedication to the Apache people and authorizes all flags on the Reservation be lowered to half-staff from sunrise to sunset on that date.

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it shall present Kay Lewis's family with the American and Tribal flags, and as done in the past, all Tribal Leaders shall continue to be honored at their passing in the same manner.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution shall be deemed null and void and have no legal effect.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on DECEMBER 9, 2022 duly adopted by a vote of NINE for, ZERO against, and ZERO abstentions by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it under the enumerated powers listed in Article IV, Section 1 of the WMAT Constitution, so ratified on November 10, 2021, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

  
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman  
*Acting Chairman*  
12/13/22  
Date

  
Vaneyssa Johnson, Tribal Secretary  
12/13/2022  
Date